

Automotive batteries—continued

Bozeman

- Car Quest Auto Parts/Valley Motor Supply, Inc, 425 N. 7th Avenue 587-4233
- Wal-Mart Tire and Lube Express, 1500 N. 7th Avenue 585-8642.

Belgrade

- Napa Auto Parts of Belgrade, 101 Silverbow 388-4133

Gasoline

Several options: 1) Use up as an engine fuel. 2) If you have a small amount, brush onto a board in a well-ventilated area and let evaporate; dispose of board in trash. 3) Strain old gasoline through a paint filter, dilute by one half with fresh gasoline and use up in your lawnmower.

Herbicides and Pesticides

Contact the MT Dept. of Agriculture Pesticide Collection Program at 444-5400 for info. If useable, give to family, friends and neighbors. If you have a small amount left, apply the product following the manufacturers directions on the label.

Mineral spirits and Thinners

If you have a small amount, brush onto a board in a well-ventilated area and let evaporate; dispose of board in trash. If useable, give to a relative, friend or neighbor.

Paint (latex, oil-base)

Want to avoid the hassles of dealing with left-over paint? Visit www.Paint.Earth911.org. The site has a web portal to help you calculate the amount of paint you'll need before you buy it!

Oil base paint— (1) Take to HHW Collection Event. (2) Give useable paint to friends or neighbors. (3) Avoid buying oil-base paint in the future.

For updates and changes to this list, contact the Gallatin Local Water Quality District
582-3148 or 582-3145

Latex paint—Options include: 1) Take useable, latex paint to the annual Latex Paint Swap. Contact the Bozeman Recycling Coalition at 586-7671 for more info. 2) Solidify using an absorbent such as cat litter and put in trash. 3) Let it dry out in a well-ventilated area, once solid, put in trash. 4) Paint newspapers or a board, once solid, dispose of in trash. 5) Give to a relative, friend or neighbor if useable.

Photographic chemicals

If you are connected to a municipal sewer most photographic chemicals can be flushed down the drain followed by lots of water. **DO NOT** flush **selenium toners or solvents**. Fixers may be flushed down the drain only after silver recovery. If you are on a septic system, you should not flush any photographic chemicals down the drain.

Rechargeable batteries (nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride)

Take to any of the following locations:

- Owenhouse Ace Hardware 587-5401
- Radio Shack, Bozeman 587-1613
- Radio Shack, Belgrade 388-1902

Used motor oil

Take to the following locations:

- City of Bozeman, City Shops Complex, 814 N. Bozeman Avenue (5 gallon limit/person, NO businesses) Hours: 8 am—5 pm, M-F 582-3200.
- Speedy Lube, 483 N. 7th Ave. 586-2303
- Wal-Mart Tire & Lube Express, 1500 North 7th. 585-8642



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Disposal Options for Household Hazardous Waste in the Gallatin Valley



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Disposal Options

STORAGE AND HANDLING

It is a good idea to properly label and store hazardous chemicals for general safety. Plus, you'll be that much more prepared for a household hazardous waste (HHW) collection event. Most products listed in this brochure can be taken to a HHW collection event. For more information on future HHW collection events, contact the Gallatin Local Water Quality District at 582-3148 or 582-3145.

HIGH RISK HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The following products and chemicals pose an extremely high risk of contaminating our ground water and surface water if they are not disposed of properly.

Mercury thermometers, mercury thermostats, liquid mercury

NEVER dispose of down the drain or in the trash! For proper disposal contact:

- Montana State University at 994-3572.

Fluorescent bulbs

These contain mercury. NEVER break or dispose of in the trash! Contact one of the following companies for proper disposal information:

- Palmer Electric 2407 Havre St., Missoula (406) 543-3086
- Crescent Electric Supply Company, 1701 Evergreen Drive, Bozeman 586-4545

PCBs or PCB ballasts

PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) are either oily liquids or solids and are colorless to light yellow with no smell or taste. They were often used as lubricants and coolants in the manufacturing industry. This group of synthetic organic chemicals can cause a number of harmful health effects and production of PCBs ceased in 1977. However, many older transformers, old fluorescent lighting fixtures, electrical devices and appliances, such as TV's and refrigerators, and old hydraulic oil may contain PCBs if they were made before PCB production stopped. NEVER dispose of down the drain or in the trash!

For proper disposal contact:

- Montana State University 994-3572.

Chlorinated solvents (brake cleaners, spot removers, degreasers, aerosol lubricants, paint strippers)

Chlorinated solvents are petrochemicals that have been chemically altered and are not found anywhere in nature. These substances are extremely toxic, even at low concentrations. Chlorine makes the solvent more stable. That stability means the substance is slow to break down into non-toxic components when it is discarded. Because of their high toxicity and persistence in the environment, chlorinated solvents have a high potential to contaminate water supplies. NEVER dispose of down the drain or in the trash!

Avoid products containing "chloro-" in the chemical name like trichloroethylene, perchloroethylene, etc. These products should be properly labeled and stored for future HHW collection events. Try using non-chlorinated solvents instead.

Electronic equipment (computers, T.V.s)

These contain lead, cadmium and mercury and should never be disposed of in the trash! One computer or television monitor can contain up to 8 pounds of lead.

Laptop computers are a common source of cadmium. Contact one of the following companies for disposal information and fees:

- Palmer Electric 2407 Havre St., Missoula (406) 543-3086
- Pacific Steel & Recycling, Helena (406) 442-7851

DISPOSAL OPTIONS FROM A-Z

Acids

If serviced by a municipal sewer system with a waste-water treatment plant, small amounts may be flushed down the drain followed by lots of water. Questions? Contact Dustin Johnson, City of Bozeman at 582-2288. Consider using a less hazardous product, if possible.

Adhesives, contact cement, roofing tar

Dispose of solids in the trash. If in liquid form, allow to harden and put in the trash.

Antifreeze

Take to the following locations in Bozeman or contact a local auto shop in your town.

- City of Bozeman, City Shops Complex, 814 N. Bozeman Avenue (*citizens only, no businesses, 5 gallon limit/person*) Hours: 8 am-5 pm M-F. 582-3200.
- Speedy Lube, 438 N. 7th Avenue 586-2303

Asbestos

Contact these state agencies for a list of licensed contractors to make arrangements for collection.

- MSU-Extension Service 994-3451
- Dept of Environmental Quality Air & Waste Management Bureau, Helena 444-3490.

Automotive batteries

These retailers will take your used battery for recycling and proper disposal with or without the purchase of a new one:

- O'Reilly Auto Parts
103 West Mendenhall 586-2378
- Checker Auto Parts
200 South 23rd Avenue 587-0984

Most retailers that sell batteries will take your used battery for recycling and proper disposal when you purchase a new one. A discount of \$1-\$5 is usually applied to the purchase. Some of these retailers are listed on the next page.